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MEMORANDUM

Re TEXT-BOOKS IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES (GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY and MAP READING)

Junior and Intermediate Divisions

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Text-books

Geography, History, Map Reading

Junior and Intermediate Divisions

1. The discontinuance of the authorization of the Ontario Public School Geography was announced in Memorandum re Revision of Curriculum (Curriculum: 1, December, 1949), and it was intimated that modern Geography text-books and other books dealing with the Social Studies would be approved for permissive use and that an announcement regarding them would be made.

2. Books approved for permissive use now available from the publishers are listed in Schedule One.

3. Pupils will not be required to buy these books, but School Boards will be required to provide them in numbers sufficient for the use of the pupils.

4. It should not be necessary for a book to be provided for each pupil. The number of books required should be determined through consultation between teacher and inspector. The books will be retained in the school and with proper care should last for many years.

5. Legislative grants on expenditures for the purchase of these books will be paid by the Department of Education at the rate applicable to the board concerned.

6. When purchases are being considered, it should be borne in mind that other books are being prepared by various publishers and that within a reasonable time other text-books in Geography and History will be available. It will then be possible for teachers to select the books which appear to be most suitable for the particular needs of their classes.

7. (a) The geography text-book, *Canada and Her Neighbours,* listed in Schedule One, deals mainly with the geography of Canada and briefly with the United States and Alaska. The book has been recently revised and material dealing with conservation and the wise use of our natural resources has been woven naturally into the text.

There is no suitable world geography at present available. Some books are in preparation and an announcement regarding them will be made when they are received from the publishers and found to meet the objectives of the revised curriculum.

Canada and Her Neighbours is suitable for use in Grades VI, VII, and VIII.

(b) *The Story of Canada* is an introductory text in Canadian History prepared for the use of elementary school pupils. It deals much more fully with the social history of our country than such texts formerly did. Many references to the use that has been made of our natural resources since settlement began in Canada have been incorporated into the text to assist the teacher in his efforts to develop a favourable attitude to this important subject. The book is suitable for use in Grades VI, VII, and VIII.

(c) *Steps in Map Reading* is designed to assist pupils in the use and interpretation of maps with various scales such as may be found in geography text-books and atlases. It is intended for use in Grades V, VI, VII, and VIII.

(d) *By Map and Compass* is a pupils' manual for teaching the interpretation and use of the large scale Canadian Topographical map. This book is suitable for use in Grades VII, VIII, IX, and X.

THE USE OF ATLASES

Pupils' Atlas

It is very desirable that atlases for the use of pupils should be provided in sufficient quantities. Schedule Two contains a list of atlases suitable for the use of pupils in the schools of Ontario. This list is not exhaustive.

Reference Atlas

Where possible a large atlas for reference use should be provided in the school or classroom library. The reference atlases listed in Schedule Two have been presented to the Department for examination and they appear to be up-to-date. These books are expensive and should be chosen only after careful examination.

No pupils' atlas or reference atlas is given special approval. No special provision is made for paying grants on atlases, other than that provided for certain boards in the grant regulations.

SCHEDULE ONE

Anderzhon: *Steps in Map Reading.* W. J. Gage & Co..... $1.00
Brown et al: *Story of Canada.* Copp Clark Co..... 1.95
Mustard: *By Map and Compass.* Macmillan..... .65
Taylor et al: *Canada and Her Neighbours.* Ginn & Co..... 2.50

(Prices quoted are subject to usual discounts.)

SCHEDULE TWO

PUPILS' ATLASES

Atlas of the Dominion of Canada. The Book Society..... $ .60
(Specially prepared for Canadian Schools)
Hammond's Comparative World Atlas. The Book Society..... .95
Dent's Canadian Atlas. J. M. Dent & Sons..... 1.45
(Specially prepared for Canadian Schools)
Modern Canadian Atlas of the World. The Ryerson Press..... .60
(Specially prepared for Canadian Schools)
Nelson's School Atlas. Thos. Nelson & Sons..... 1.25
(Canadian Edition)
Rand McNally Classroom Atlas. W. J. Gage & Co..... 1.60
(Specially prepared for Canadian Schools)
World Pocket Atlas. Thos. Nelson & Sons..... .85

(Prices quoted subject to usual discounts.)

REFERENCE ATLASES

Citizen's Atlas of the World. Thos. Nelson & Sons..... 18.00
less 20%
Encyclopaedia Britannica World Atlas. The Book Society..... 18.75
Schools—$15.00
Goode's School Atlas. W. J. Gage & Co..... 5.00
less 20%
Rand McNally Cosmopolitan World Atlas. W. J. Gage & Co..... 15.50
Schools—$12.40

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